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**A•T Ariccia Trattoria Partnering with BigHouse Foundation for First-Ever  
A•T Takeover for Charity**

AUBURN, Ala. – A•T Ariccia Trattoria is partnering with BigHouse Foundation for the restaurant's first-ever A•T Takeover for Charity.

The May 18 event will raise funds for BigHouse Foundation, an Opelika-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children in foster care.

AT will donate 10 percent of all pre-tax tickets (excluding alcohol) to BigHouse Foundation. Guests simply write "BigHouse" on the back of their receipt.

"We are so excited to be a part of the first A•T Takeover, especially since May is Foster Care Awareness month," said Micah Melnick, BigHouse Founder and Executive Director. "BigHouse is able to meet the needs of children in foster care because of the generosity of our local community, and this event is an example of that. This evening will be a tasty way to support our program and show Ariccia Trattoria how much our community appreciates their willingness to invest in the local community!"

"We are so grateful for the individuals and businesses in Lee County who believe in our mission and want to impact the lives of children in care through BigHouse," Melnick added.

Of the event, The Hotel at Auburn University Managing Director, Hans van der Reijden, said, "We are very excited about our inaugural 'A•T Takeover for Charity.' There are many worthy organizations in our community who can benefit from the increased exposure and donations events like this can provide, and we're happy that BigHouse Foundation is our inaugural partner. This non-profit is doing wonderful work for children in our community in foster care."

The event will take place on Thursday, May 18, from 5 to 10 p.m. Reservations are required, and may be made by calling the restaurant at 334.844.5140 or visiting [www.auhcc.com](http://www.auhcc.com).

BigHouse Foundation was founded in 2009 by two college students to impact the world of foster care in a positive way. BigHouse focuses on serving families by providing resources and building relationships.

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Centrally located near the shops and restaurants of downtown Auburn, Ala., The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center is just a short walk from the excitement of Auburn University and a diverse array of cultural and entertainment attractions. Whether in town for the big game, a special party, or a productive business meeting, the hotel's 236 guestrooms and suites offer true Southern hospitality in an ideal setting. For a southern twist on Italian, visit A•T, located inside the hotel. An open kitchen and outdoor patio seating add character to this restaurant, which serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktails, Sunday Brunch and offers take-out service. A•T features an espresso bar and unique wine list, and has a private dining room for special events. Located in A•T, Piccolo is Auburn's only true lounge experience for specialty cocktails and a large variety of appetizers and desserts. The menu features a variety of small plates perfect for sharing, refreshing cocktails, and piccolo bottles of champagne. Live jazz performances take place on Fridays and Saturdays (except on home football game weekends). The property is owned by Auburn University and managed by the Atlanta-based Capella Hotel Group. For additional information or reservations, please call (800) 228-2876 or visit [www.auhcc.com](http://www.auhcc.com).

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